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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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	Kajichi NACAI

FOR: METHOD FOR TESTING NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE

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Enclosed are:

- ≥ 24 sheets of □ formal □ informal drawings.
- ☑ A Notice of Priority to claim priority dates of October 30, 2001.
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to _____
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449
- ☑ An Unexecuted Declaration

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119 AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of October 30, 2001, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2001-331853.

The certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent applications 2001-331853 will be submitted as soon as received from Applicant. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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